



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 389

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC MITIGATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2023, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, in conjunction
3 with the Department of Transportation, shall develop a training
4 curriculum for police officers concerning traffic incident management.
5 Such curriculum shall be aligned with training developed by the Federal
6 Highway Administration and shall provide for a systematic, planned
7 and coordinated approach to detect, respond and clear traffic incidents
8 in order to restore traffic capacity in a safe and efficient manner.

9 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training
10 program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and
11 Training Council, the Division of State Police within the Department of
12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police
13 department shall include the training curriculum developed pursuant
14 to subsection (a) of this section. The Division of State Police and each
15 municipal police department shall maintain records indicating when a
16 police officer employed by the Division of State Police or the municipal
17 police department completed such training curriculum.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 14-224 of the 2022 supplement to the

19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

21 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly
22 involved in an accident on a [limited access] highway which causes
23 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause [his] the
24 motor vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the highway to
25 an untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if it is possible
26 to move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage to property
27 or injury to any person.

28 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Transportation
29 shall develop a plan to expand the use of unmanned aerial vehicles to
30 inspect existing transportation facilities. Not later than October 1, 2022,
31 the commissioner shall submit such plan and recommend a level of
32 funding needed to implement such plan, in accordance with the
33 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
34 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to transportation and appropriations and the budgets of state
36 agencies.

37 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Emergency
38 Services and Public Protection shall develop a plan to expand the use of
39 unmanned aerial vehicles to investigate motor vehicle accidents and
40 other traffic incidents. Not later than October 1, 2022, the commissioner
41 shall submit such plan and recommend a level of funding needed to
42 implement such plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
43 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
44 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation,
45 public safety and security and appropriations and the budgets of state
46 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	14-224(d)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*